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SUBJECT: PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS GO ON STRIKE

1. MOST PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN UPPER VOLTA REMAINED CLOSED
MORNING MARCH 1 AS RESULT OF CALL FOR 48 HOUR "WARNING"
STRIKE BY THE SYNDICAT DES ENSEIGNANTS AFRICAINS DE
HAUTE VOLTA (SNEAHV). SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND OTHER
HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS WERE NOT AFFECTED.

2. THE DECISION OF THE SNEAHV TO STRIKE FOLLOWED A
PERIOD OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
REGARDING THE UPGRADING OF THE VARIOUS LEVELS OF SALARIES
AMONG PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS AS WELL AS OTHER SNEAHV
DEMANDS SUCH AS THE CONSTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT HOUSING
FOR TEACHERS. HAVING TAKEN OVER HIS POST ONLY A
FEW WEEKS AGO, MINISTER OF EDUCATION OUMAROU DAO
PROPOSED A LUMP SUM PAYMENT OF 7,000 CFA FRANCS TO
ALL PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS, PENDING A THOROUGH
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REVIEW OF SALARY LEVELS WITHIN THE TEACHING PRO-
FESSION. THIS PROPOSAL WAS REJECTED BY THE SNEAHV.

3. COMMENT: SINCE THE SNEAHV IS BELIEVED TO BE
CONTROLLED BY THE MLN (MOUVEMENT DE LIBERATION NATIONALE),
THE ONLY GROUP AMONG THE FORMER POLITICAL PARTIES WHICH
IS NOT REPRESENTED IN THE GOVERNMENT, MANY OBSERVERS

ARE OF THE OPINION THAT THE STRIKE IS AN ATTEMPT BY THE
MLN TO EMBARRASS THE GOVERNMENT. IF SO, THE STRIKE MAY
WELL BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE AS FAR AS THE MLN IS CONCERNED
SINCE IT HAS AROUSED A GREAT DEAL OF CRITICISM AMONG
PARENTS, AS WELL AS AMONG CIVIL SERVANTS OTHER THAN
TEACHERS WHO HAVE MADE SIMILAR DEMANDS BUT HAVE AGREED
TO GIVE THE NEW GOVERNMENT THE OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY THE
MATTER. MEANWHILE, THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE
GREATLY EMBARRASSED BY THE STRIKE. A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED
FEBRUARY 28 ANNOUNCED THAT AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF
THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WAS HELD FEBRUARY 27 TO REVIEW THE
VARIOUS STEPS WHICH WILL LEAD THE COUNTRY BACK TO
CONSTITUTIONAL RULE. THIS IS TAKEN AS AN INDICATION THAT
THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO PROCEED WITH ITS OWN CALENDAR
WOTHOUT THE ASSISTANCE OF THE MLN.
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